

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## North Yorkshire's three Clinical Commissioning Groups to apply for merger

North Yorkshire's three clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) have agreed to merge.

The decision was taken during a meeting in public of the Governing Bodies which represent NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG, NHS Harrogate and Rural District CCG and NHS Scarborough and Ryedale CCG, meeting as a 'Committee in Common'.

A detailed formal proposal will be submitted to NHS England by 30 September and should it be approved, the three CCGs will begin operating as a single, statutory organisation from 1 April next year.

NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG Chair, Dr Charles Parker, said the proposed merger represents "a great opportunity to improve healthcare for the people of North Yorkshire".

NHS Harrogate and Rural District Chair, Dr Alistair Ingram, said: "A single commissioning voice will make it easier to reduce some of the health inequalities we see across the county and there will be less duplication and bureaucracy."

NHS Scarborough and Ryedale CCG Associate Chair, Dr Peter Billingsley added: "Importantly, the governance model that will be introduced will still allow there to be strong local leadership and patient engagement, ensuring each area of North Yorkshire will continue to have a strong clinical voice and patients' views are represented."

The proposed merger comes on the back of reviews carried out by each of the three North Yorkshire CCGs last year, with Amanda Bloor, formerly the Accountable Officer for Harrogate and Rural District CCG, subsequently appointed the Accountable Officer across the three North Yorkshire CCGs in December.

A shared executive leadership team is set to be implemented soon.

The proposal to merge has the unanimous backing of the three CCGs' Council of Members / Clinical Representatives (made up of local GPs and practice managers) and the Local Medical Committee.



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